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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Representative Lawrence Smith (D., FL)
Regarding Greece (Pre-trip)

1. On 10 August 1988, at 1600 hours, in House Speaker Wright's ante-room, Representative Lawrence Smith and House Foreign Affairs staffer Toni Verstandig, received a pre-trip briefing on Greece. Agency participants were: [redacted] Counterterrorism Center, Directorate of Operations; [redacted] Office of European Analysis, Directorate of Intelligence, and the undersigned. [redacted]

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2. Topics of discussion were: The 17 November attacks and background of the group's history and operations; Greek counterterrorism policies and key personalities involved in setting up said policy; and ANO operations in Greece. Mr. Smith focused much of his questioning on why Papandreou allows or tolerates terrorist group and what he might have to gain. He also asked a few policy questions regarding Greece, upon which I referred him to State.

3. One question that the briefers were unable to answer was "the status of the ANO's agreement with the Greek Government that ANO would not conduct any operations on Greek soil in return for the release of three ANO prisoners and permission to station a liaison officer in Athens?" Upon my return to Headquarters, I queried the Directorate of Intelligence in an attempt to get the answer, which basically is that we do know that the prisoners are still in jail, but we honestly do not know the answer to the question. Since I was unable to contact Ms. Verstandig, I talked to Robert Boyer, House Foreign Affairs staffer who also will accompany

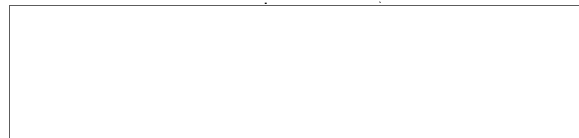
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Mr. Smith on his upcoming trip, and gave him the negative answer.

4. The briefing lasted approximately 30 minutes.




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